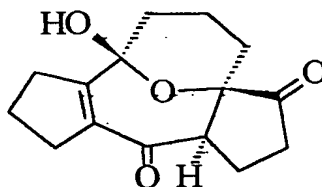


ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a process for the transformation of tricyclopentabenzene to 12 - hydroxy - 16 - oxatetracyclo [10.3.1.0^{1,5}.0^{7,11}] hexadec - 7(11) - en -2,6-dione of formula 2

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by ozonolysing two out of three double bonds of trindane, followed by aldol condensation and adding the hydroxyl group to the carbonyl function intramolecularly to obtain 12 - hydroxy-16 - oxatetracyclo [10.3.1.0^{1,5}.0^{7,11}] hexadec - 7(11) - en-2,6-dione.